



The U.S. Department of State

Foreign Policy Classroom

Speaker: *David J. Kostelancik, Director, Office of Russian Affairs, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs*

Topic: *"U.S.-Russian Foreign Relations"*

Date: *Friday, December 7, 2012*

Time: *The program will be from 11:00a.m.-12:00p.m.*

Check in will begin at 10:15a.m. Please arrive no later than 10:50a.m. to allow for time to pass through security and registration

Where: *U.S Department of State, 2201 C St. NW*

(Enter through the 21st street entrance, between C and D Streets. Bring photo ID.)

David Kostelancik, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service of the United States, is the current Director of the Office of Russian Affairs in the Department of State's Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs. In that capacity, he oversees a staff of 16 who manage political, economic and bilateral issues with the Russian Federation. Prior to this assignment, he served as Director of the Office of Europe and Asia in the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, coordinating law enforcement, criminal justice and counternarcotics-related assistance provided by the U.S. Government throughout Europe, Central, South and East Asia. Additionally, Mr. Kostelancik has served as Deputy and Acting Minister Counselor for Political Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow from 2008 until 2010. He also served in Moscow earlier in his career as the Special Assistant to then Ambassador Thomas Pickering. Other overseas postings include the U.S. Mission to the OSCE as Deputy Political Counselor in Austria, the U.S. Mission to NATO Belgium, the U.S. Embassy in Albania and the U.S. Embassy in Turkey.

Mr. Kostelancik received his Bachelors of Arts degrees from Northwestern University in both Applied Mathematics and Political Science, a Masters of Arts degree from The University of Michigan in Russian and East European Studies, and a Master's of Science degree from the National Defense University in National Security Policy. He is married, and he and his wife are parents to three sons.
